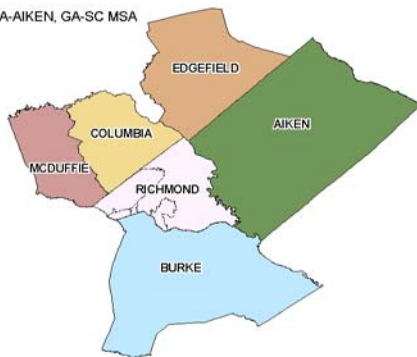


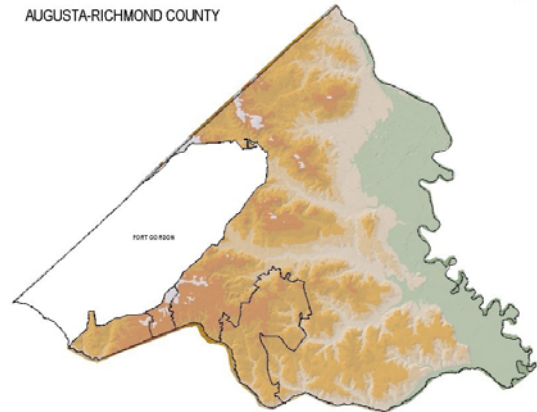
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Augusta serves as the center of a growing metropolitan region of **520,700** population in east central Georgia and west central South Carolina (Source: Woods & Poole Economics, Inc.). Augusta strives to support economic development by seeking new industry and trade, facilitating expansion and retention of existing businesses, and making special efforts in distressed business districts.

AUGUSTA-AIKEN, GA-SC MSA



AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY



COMPARISON OF POPULATION TRENDS

YEAR	RICHMOND COUNTY	GA-SC MSA
1990	190,689	438,735
1995	200,027	481,119
2000	199,545	500,326
2005	199,297	520,700
2010(p)	202,412	544,440
2015(p)	206,145	569,750
2020(p)	210,247	596,100
2025(p)	214,815	623,720
2030(p)	220,069	653,560

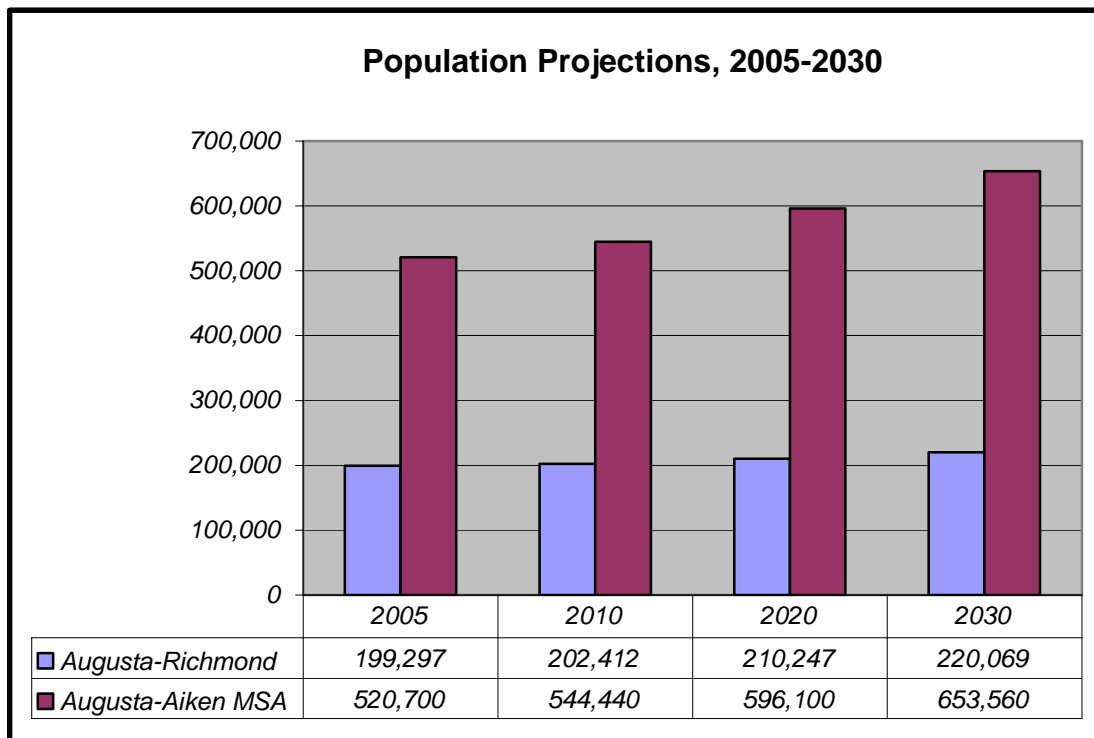
(p) Denotes Projected Projection

Source: Woods and Poole, Inc., 2005

CHANGE IN POPULATION 1990-2005

	Population		Change in Population	
	1990	2005	Number	Percent
Richmond County	190,689	199,297	8,608	4.5%
Augusta-Aiken MSA	438,735	520,700	81,965	18.7%

Source: Woods and Poole, Inc., 2005



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Total Number of Households

	1999	2005
Augusta-Richmond	73,415	74,618
Augusta-Aiken MSA	183,515	195,790

Source: Woods and Poole, Inc., 2005

Household and Per Capita Income Trends

	Per Capita Income		Mean Household Income	
	1999	2005	1999	2005
Augusta-Richmond	\$21,207	\$26,664	\$55,107	\$68,049
Augusta-Aiken MSA	\$22,698	\$28,324	\$59,780	\$73,309

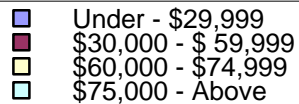
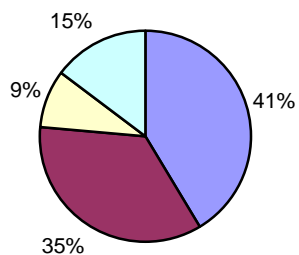
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Comparison of Household Income 2005

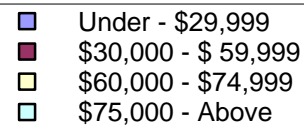
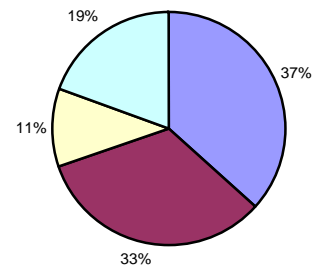
	Augusta-Richmond	Augusta-Aiken MSA
Under - \$29,999	30,940	71,848
\$30,000 - \$ 59,999	26,007	64,922
\$60,000 - \$74,999	6,704	20,934
\$75,000 - Above	10,967	38,086

Source: Woods and Poole, Inc., 2005

Augusta-Richmond County
Household Income Distribution 2005



Augusta-Aiken MSA
Household Income Distribution 2005



Source: Woods and Poole, Inc., 2005

LABOR FORCE

2004

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Augusta-Richmond	89,700	84,409	5,291	5.9%
Augusta-Aiken MSA	246,657	233,303	13,354	5.4%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics